

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title: SYSTEM FOR STORING AND UNPACKING ENCASED  
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**AMENDMENT & RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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ATTN: Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action mailed August 7, 2009, concerning the above-referenced patent application. Please amend the above application in the manner as shown in the papers that follow this cover page:

Amendments to the claims which are reflected in the listings of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks, which begin on page 7.